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# A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE ENGLISH NATION.

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I Promiſed a Remark in the laſt *Review*, upon the Printing the Princeſs *Sophia* her Letter, which went here in the Name of Sir *Rowland Gwin*; and as I do not love to dwell upon a Subject, I ſhall make it very ſhort.

Either the Letter was Publiſh'd by her Royal Highneſſes Order, and with her Knowledge and Conſent, or without it. —

If with her Knowledge and Conſent, Why was it not ſaid ſo? Or if by Order, why not the Copy of ſuch an *Imprimatur* affix'd to it, as is the conſtant Practice in all Countries, in things Publiſh'd by Authority? Or why has it not been ſince Alledg'd, in defence of the Action.

If without the Knowledge, Conſent, or Licenſe of the Princeſs, then let the Publiſher Anſwer to his own Diſcretion, the good Manners, as well Juſtice to that Princeſs, of Publiſhing her pri[illegible]e Letters without her Conſent; and let [illegible] conſider how much Goodneſs that Princeſs muſt Expreſs, if he obtains her Pardon for ſuch an Indecency.

I am told there is a Letter in Town, from Madam the Electoreſs *Dowager*, under her own Hand, in which all Conſent, Knowledge, or Order for the Publiſhing the ſaid Letter is diſown'd, and Expreſſing ſome Reſentment at the Ill Treatment her Highneſs has receiv'd in it; which if true, leaves room for a great deal of Remark, which for the preſent I Adjourn; only I cannot refrain putting one Queſtion to the World, which the Gentlemen, who are more immediately concern'd, may Anſwer if they know how. The Queſtion is this:

*How*

*How comes it to paſs*, that thoſe Gentlemen in *England*, who declare themſelves upon all occaſions, againſt the Succeſſion of the Houſe of *Hannover*; who, if they were to come hither, would not own them, and *who* when they come, will not Swear Allegiance to them, are yet *ſo Violently forward* for Inviting them over?

*How comes it to paſs*, that another ſort of Gentlemen, *who*, tho' they are got over the Article of the Oaths, and can Swear to any Government at it comes uppermoſt, yet who all along inveigh againſt more *Dutch* Kings, and declare againſt the preſent Settlement of the Succeſſion; *Why theſe fall in alſo* with the immediate Invitation?

Can it be poſſible, but theſe Circumſtances concurring with others, ſhould make even thoſe, that *are intirely in the Intereſt of the Family*, and of the Succeſſion, and would Rejoice to ſee them here, *Jealous* and *backward*, leſt the Invitation ſhould have ſome Sinifter Deſign in it, if poſſible to make it fatal to both ſides.

And who can but think, when they ſee the Propoſal come from ſuch People Originally, *that they really preſs it*, by a Political turn of Thought, concluding it will receive ſome Scandal from their Character, and conſequently be obſtructed, which is what above all things they really deſire.

There are other Conſequences to be drawn from the Obſervations on this Affair, which for the preſent I omit; I am perſwaded by my Obſervation, that the thing has ſome Contradictions in it, which want reconciling, rather for the Inlightning thoſe who wiſh well to the Succeſſion, and ſeem to think themſelves a little Impos'd upon in this Affair, than for the ſake of the other, who *but too well* underſtand their own meaning in it; and if the following Paradoxes are to be found in this Matter, let them reſolve them that think fit.

1. That when thoſe Princes come over hither to poſſeſs the Crown, they will be leaſt wellcome to ſome of thoſe that are now moſt Violent to have them over.

2. That thoſe People, who now *ſeem moſt to be backward* to Invite them over, are *really* moſt *ſeriouſly deſirous* of having their coming over ſecur'd, when they ſhall be Legally call'd.

3. That *the Oppoſing* the Inviting the Succeſſor over at this time, by thoſe that wiſh to have her here, *if conveniens*, ſprings from thoſe that really *never deſire to have her here at all*, and with a real deſire to prevent it.

What ſtrange things the Policies of Men put them upon? And how are they oblig'd to make their Actions ſeem *to thwart their Inclinations*, and by faint Diſguiſes Impoſing upon one another, and ſometimes upon themſelves, which ſhow the Hypocrite inſtead of the honeſt Man, to bring about the Deſigns their own Fancies have laid Schemes of, and in which they often find, that inſtead of Deluding others, they become the Subjects of their own Deceit.

I might enter here upon *the warm Speeches* we have had *this laſt Parliament*, in which the Efforts of a Party, tho' weak and Languiſhing, have diſcover'd the real Deſign, and any Man in his Senſes *might have ſeen* what they drove at, tho' they had not ſtrength to carry it on ——— But as theſe things receiv'd an early Check, and one Gentleman did ten Weeks Penance for it in the Tower; thoſe that ſhould have Seconded him, reſtrain'd their Choller, and obtain'd to be Excus'd, by Explaining themſelves in their own Favour.

But I leave this, and come to the more refin'd ſteps, the Politicks of this Party lead them to, and that is, Whiſperings, Secret Inſinuations, and Miſconſtructions of Affairs, in Order to prevent the good Iſſue of the juſt Meaſures, Concerted for the general Good *Europe*.

And now I come to two Capital Articles, in which the Party proceed with the utmoſt Caution; and which to clear up, may perhaps take me up ſome time.

1. The Face of the War, and the State of our *Spaniſh* Expeditions.

2. The Treaty with *Scotland*, and the general Appearance of a National Union.

And as I deſign to ſearch both theſe things to the bottom, *I ſhall begin with the firſt*; and after laying down the Plan of my

my Design, and speaking to some Heads, I shall interrupt it with the Second, which when I have gone through, I shall reassume the other, and trace the Operations of the Field, with useful Observations, Providence permitting, even to the End of the Campaign.

In Searching and Tracing the windings and turnings *of our Whisperers* on the Article of the War, it becomes absolutely necessary, to Expose the Proceedings of the Party with respect to Persons, for that is the present Design.

And here methinks it should seem Impertinent, *and I ought to expect his Graces Censure*, that I should Attempt the Vindication of the Actions of the Duke of *Marlborough*; but let those that Suggest this, remember *I premise this* before I begin.

That I am not Vindicating the Actions of the Duke, *but Exposing the Malice and Designs of a Party*, who would, even out of those most Glorious Actions, suggest something to lessen their Glory, and abate the Sense this Nation ought to have of his Merit; and not that alone, but through him would wound the Ministry and Government, as if acting upon the Foot of Personal or Party Intereſt.

In this I shall not go back to Mr. *Steveus* and his Unhappy Book, that Gentleman has Mortification enough upon himself, how he has been deceiv'd, and 'tis my Principle,

*Resentments should to Penitence be blind,*
*And Faults Confess'd, be never call'd to Mind.*

But I come on *to the Whispers of the Party*, and the first Suggestion I meet with, is as Vile as Ridiculous, and discovers the very Spirit of the Party that rais'd it, *viz.* That the *Affair of* Catalonia *was neglected*, that the best Troops were Engrossed in *Flanders*, and that it could not be expected to be otherwise, while the Duke manag'd, for that he would have all the Flower of his Army under his own Command, and that he retarded the Supplies from a secret Jealousie, of the rising Glory of the Earl of *Peterborough*, whom he apprehended should some time or other Rival him, in Reputation and Dispute, or at least share with him the Glory of finishing this War.

I shall Trace this Capital Slander in my next, to its Native Hell; from whence, when its Original shall appear, I shall leave it *to proceed if possible* to a worse.

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# MISCELLANEA.

Mr. *REVIEW*,

I *Am one that have a Concern in the* Mine-Adventure, *and therefore desire your Opinion of it, and also of the Perpetual Annuities propos'd. Your Compliance will be a Publick Obligation and a particular one upon*,

Your Humble Servant,

*April.* 16. 1706. *T. S.*

I have had some Thoughts long ago, to mention the Matter of the *Mine-Adventure*; in my pursuit of the Affair of Trade, I should of course have come to it, under the Head of Publick Stocks, Banks, &c. of which I design yet to speak at large.

But since the Author of this Letter, seems something Importunate, and other Enquirers also have a little press'd me upon this Matter, I shall not refuse to gratifie them in the next Paper, with such proper Calculations upon the Subject of the *Mine-Adventure*, as to me seem rational, from what I have seen of the said Company, Printed and publish'd by themselves.

And I make this Introduction, not by way of Excuse, since *tho' what I shall say, perhaps may not please the Gentlemen Concern'd*, and consequently not this Gentleman,

man, who *as he says* is concern'd, so as their own Prints are Publick Appeals to the World, every body is thereby Entitled, to Explain their own Judgments, of what the Parties concern'd have made Publick.

I shall therefore ask no Man's Pardon for speaking on the Subject, but if I should unwillingly Injure any Man in the manner, *for I am very sure, I shall not designedly do it*; I shall freely make my Acknowledgments, in as Publick and fair a manner as can be reasonably desir'd.

Stocks and Companies, Projects and Adventures have, *and not undeservedly*, suffer'd some Scandal in *England*, but especially where the Artifice of Projectors has built vast Fabricks upon weak Foundations, and we have Liv'd in *England*, to Pay Dear enough for our Experience on this Head, in Salt-Peter-Works, Linnen-Manufacture, Paper-Company, and the like; 'tis true, these do not determine against Companies, Joint-Stocks, Projects in general; but I must be allow'd to say, that *every Fund* will not raise a Bank, it has been try'd upon a Subscription of Land, which is certainly the most Essential and most Substantial support, any Man can propose to build Credit upon; it must therefore be more Dangerous to raise the Credit of any thing, to an Extravagant degree, whose Foundation is either hazardous or uncertain, and whose Profit or Principal, is not a substantial Security for the Capital.

I shall determine nothing in Favour, or in Prejudice to the *Mine-Adventure*, but what I shall endeavour to Collect from the same outside, which the Undertakers are pleas'd to show the World; if that will bear a Calculation of Certainties or Probabilities, it shall fairly have it; if it will not, they must blame themselves.

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